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Amendments to the Claims

In the Claims

Applicant requests the following listing of claims replace all prior versions and/or listings of the claims in the application:

- 1 (original). A two-handled shoveling tool comprising:
 - a primary handle fixed at a tool end to a tool head;
 - a secondary handle detachably connected at a first end to the primary handle proximate the tool head; and
 - a hinge coupling assembly detachably connecting the secondary handle to the primary handle.
- 2 (original). The two-handled shovel of claim 1, wherein the hinge coupling assembly further comprises:
 - a hinge means mounted on the primary handle; and
 - a handle swivel means connecting the secondary handle to the hinge means.
- 3 (original). The hinge coupling assembly of claim 2, wherein the hinge means comprises:
 - a base plate;
 - a first fastener means mounting the base plate to the primary handle;
 - a hinge plate, the hinge plate hingeably connected to the base plate and having a first swivel member disposed thereon; and
 - a removable hinge pin for hingeably connecting and disconnecting the base plate with the hinge plate.

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4 (currently amended). The hinge coupling assembly of claim 2, wherein the handle swivel means comprises:

a second swivel member mounted at the first end of the secondary handle; and
an engagement means, connecting the ~~first and~~ second swivel member[[s]] to a first swivel member disposed on a hinge plate of the hinge means in a common plane of rotation relative to each other.

5 (canceled).

6 (canceled).

7 (previously presented). A two-handled shoveling tool comprising:

a primary handle fixed at a tool end to a tool head;
a secondary handle detachably connected at a first end to the primary handle proximate the tool head; and
a hinge coupling assembly detachably connecting the secondary handle to the primary handle, the hinge coupling assembly having a hinge means mounted on the primary handle and a handle swivel means connecting the secondary handle to the hinge means, the hinge means disposed to allow the secondary handle to swing in a plane perpendicular to the primary handle and the swivel means disposed to allow the secondary handle to swing in a plane parallel to the primary handle.